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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re application of:)	Examiner: W. Bashore
HUMPLEMAN et al.)	
)	Group Art Unit: 2176
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A)	
HOME NETWORK AUTO-TREE BUILDER)	
)	
Application No.: 09/709,781)	
)	
Filed: November 3, 2000)	

Amendment in Response to August 12, 2004 Final Office Action

Mail Stop AF
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2004.

Reexamination and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following
amendments and remarks.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this
paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Effective October 1, 2003

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

(Column 1) (Column 2)

TOTAL CLAIMS		
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	10 minus 20 =	*
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	* 35	Minus	** 35	=
	Independent	* 4	Minus	*** 4	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>				

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	385.00
XS 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	770.00
XS18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL	

SMALL ENTITY

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

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(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT	11-15-04	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	* 36	Minus	** 35	= 1
	Independent	* 4	Minus	*** 4	= 0
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS18=	5018
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	5018

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(Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3)

AMENDMENT		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
	Total	*	Minus	**	=
	Independent	*	Minus	***	=
	FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>				

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
XS18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

- * If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
- ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
- *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."
- The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

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